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Art Unit 1773  
Application No. 09/581,604  
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Reply to Office Action of August 27, 2003  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/581,604  
Applicants : Hirokazu TANAKA et al.  
Filed : June 15, 2000  
Title : COATING LIQUID FOR FORMING HARD COAT FILM  
AND SUBSTRATE COATED WITH SUCH FILM  
Group Art Unit : 1773  
Examiner : Sheeba Ahmed

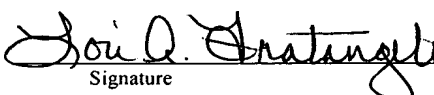
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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003, Applicants hereby submit the accompanying remarks, as well as a One-Month Petition for Extension of Time.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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